



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a wonderful and wintery end to the week at Messing! We were delighted with the snowy sprinkling that awaited on Friday morning, the perfect amount of snow to set a wintery scene and for children to play, but without disruption and travel chaos! I know many children are keeping their fingers crossed for snow over the weekend too.

A reminder that we are now on the winter menu, which can be [found here](#). The jacket potatoes have proved a very popular option for the children. It was wonderful to welcome governors to join the children for school lunch on Monday 18th November as part of their termly monitoring visit. The children demonstrated their wonderful manners and guided our visitors on where to put their plates and cutlery.

I have been incredibly impressed with the House Captains this week as they have been overseeing the new playground equipment for lunch times. Together, they have helped Mrs Hart to organise and tidy the resources that the PTFA kindly fundraised for. We have new storage which we hope will help to keep everything tidy and accessible. House Captains shared some important messages with the school in assembly on Friday and we look forward to seeing children using the new equipment together.

On Thursday, children in Robins class walked to the village postbox to send their letters to Father Christmas. They worked very hard on their letters to make sure they used their very best handwriting and spellings so that Father Christmas is able to read them clearly. The School Council joined the walk to post notes around the village following on from Positive Noticing Day. I was over the moon to receive a letter back from a member of the village community, thanking the children for their kind note. With their letter back, they kindly included beautiful bookmarks for the children. This is such a wonderful example of how one act of kindness and positivity leads to another.

A reminder that PE kits should be in school as children have 2 PE lessons each week. Spare socks would also be beneficial.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

Oral Health Champions

On Tuesday 12th November, a group of 4 children from Kingfisher class had some training to become the school's Oral Health Champions'. They worked together to learn a range of information from a dental nurse before putting their tooth brushing skills into action on a giant model set of teeth!

The children even had to take a quiz, before being presented with the certificates and badges. The dental nurse was incredibly impressed with their pre-existing knowledge, as well as the enthusiasm to learn more, asking plenty of questions along the way.

Well done to:

Shyla
Rocky
Jack
Sophia



Top Tips for Healthy Teeth

By Shyla, Rocky, Jack & Sophia

1. After you've brushed your teeth do not rinse your mouth for half an hour as this will wash away the toothpaste from your teeth.
2. You should only drink water for a little while once you have brushed your teeth.
3. You should brush your teeth for 2 minutes and do this twice a day.
4. Do not drink too many fizzy drinks because they are acidic and can damage your teeth. Check drinks labels carefully as they can still have sugar in them.
5. You should brush your teeth using circular motions so that you get your gum and teeth.



Shall I compare you to a winters day

Shall I compare you to a winters day, after all you are cold and icy yet unlike winter you seem unable to thaw.

You meet all of my questions with freezing reproaches, why do you deceive me so? Maybe if I keep on at you relentlessly your icy exterior will start to melt.

Is there any way of stopping this thumb-numbing chill taking your body? Even the Ice Queen must delight in something. Can I woo you with your vanity, or maybe fool you?

How can I express my love for you without being turned into an enormous ice cube? I don't want to cool down drinks! If I melt will our paths ever cross, my beautiful Queen of the ice? I am delirious with love for you my beautiful Queen of the ice.

Written by Agatha (Owl Class) as part of Free Write Friday and inspired by Shakespeare's sonnet 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?'



Safeguarding: Online Safety

Please do read and inform yourself on these two topics. We have had discussions with children in school as a result of online use for streaming. Children using these are incredibly vulnerable. More information can be found via [parentsafe](#).

Twitch

Twitch is a live streaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, "bits" and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and also includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos. In the [parent guide](#), you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as inappropriate content, private chat rooms and contact from strangers.

Live streaming

Like a lot of digital services, live streaming really found its niche during the pandemic – think of Joe Wicks' at-home fitness classes, Billie Eilish's virtual gigs and Miley Cyrus' chat show, for example. Real-time broadcasting of video content over the internet isn't solely the province of celebrities, however: anyone with a device and something to say (or show) can take part.

With platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, TikTok and Twitch all offering routes to a vast online audience, young people have enthusiastically taken up the baton – streaming on subjects from gaming to sports to live shopping. Potentially having strangers among one's viewers, though, is just one of many concerns. The [parent guide](#) has the key information.



Children in Need

Thank you for your support. Children had a 'wheely' good time on Friday 15th, having the opportunity to travel and show off their tricks on wheels in order to raise money. With your help, we raised £66.92.



Cross Country

On Wednesday 13th November 11 children from Owl class took part in a Cross Country event at the Northern Gateway.

Write up by Pippa and Heath

It was great for the children that got to see their friends from other schools in the area. We had to do 2 laps around an oval track and it started off being fun, but on the second lap, it was quite challenging. Most people started to talk at that point as they were tired. It was 1.4km in total. In the middle of the runners, you could hear panting as loud as a plane going over head! Everyone from Messing finished and placed between 80 - 100 out of 1200 children.

Writers of the Month



Certificates were awarded to the following children for their contributions, efforts and achievements in writing:

Tommy (Year 2): For demonstrating an excellent growth mindset by rewriting work to include finger spaces.

Isla (Year 3): For an excellent effort in writing across all curriculum subjects.

Jamie (Year 6): For continued determination and pride shown in his written work and the use of technology to assist his presentation in an excellent explanatory text.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Tues 26th Nov- Yr 5/6 Thurstable secondary transition session

Thurs 28th Nov- PTFA Film Night

Sun 1st Dec- Messing Church Christmas Tree Event

Thurs 5th Dec- Travelling Panto at School

Fri 6th Dec- PTFA Christmas Fair (3-5pm)

Weds 11th/ Thurs 12th Dec- Nativity performances

Fri 13th Dec- PTFA Christmas Raffle

Mon 16th Dec- Christingle Service at All Saints Church (9.45am)

Weds 18th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th Dec- Car Park Carols and end of term

The Friends of Messing Church

warmly invite you to join Santa when he

'Lights up the Christmas Tree'

In the Churchyard at
All Saints' Church Messing

Sunday 1st December
at 5.30pm

Afterwards come into the beautifully
decorated Church and enjoy
festive refreshments

Carols and Christmas
songs sung by the
choir Octavia

Thanks to
the Parish
Council
& the Village
Hall
Committee

Donations
will be
gratefully
received